

CONGRESS CONVENES

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION OF FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSES

Senator Frye, President Pro Tem of Senate, Calls That Body to Order. Credentials of New Senators Presented—House Assembles—Speaker Henderson and Other Officers Re-elected—Tilt Over Adoption of Rules. Resolution as to Charleston Exhibits.

SENATE.

Washington, December 2.—Today's session of the senate was brief and formal.

Precisely at 12 o'clock Senator Frye, of Maine, president pro tem of the senate, entered the chamber, ascended to the desk of the presiding officer and rapped for order.

The blind chaplain of the senate, Rev. William Milburn, then delivered his invocation. The roll call of senators developed the presence of seventy-one members.

Senator Keen announced that his colleague, Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, was detained from the chamber by illness.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, presented the credentials of Charles H. Dietrich and Jos. H. Millard, of Nebraska; Senator Gamble, of South Dakota, presented those of his new colleague, Alfred S. Kittredge, appointed to succeed the late Senator Kyle and Senator Clark, of Montana, offered those of his colleague, Paris Gibson. The new senators were then sworn in.

Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, offered a joint resolution authorizing the admission free of duty of imports or articles intended to be exhibited at the Charleston exposition and the transfer of the government exhibit at the Buffalo exposition to the Charleston exposition.

Senator Hoar objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution on the ground that it was the universal practice of the senate to transact no business until the president had been informed that congress was prepared to do business. The resolution was withdrawn temporarily.

At 12:15 o'clock the senate took a recess to afford the committee appointed to wait upon the president an opportunity to perform its duty.

When the senate re-convened Senator Gamble, of South Dakota, formally announced the death of Senator Kyle, of that state. He offered the usual resolution and the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The opening day of the first session of the fifty-seventh congress in the house of representatives furnished a spectacle that delighted the crowded galleries. The machinery of the house is cumbersome and is set in motion by a laborious process, but the spectators today evidently did not consider it tedious, as they clung to their places through the entire proceeding, which lasted four and one half hours, probably half the time being consumed in the monotonous calling of the roll.

The organization of the house was accomplished according to the time honored precedent. Speaker Henderson was sworn in by General Bingham, "the father of the house," and after delivering a very graceful speech in recognition of the honor bestowed upon him in turn administered the oath to the members elect.

The rules of the last house were adopted after a slight jar and then the biennial seat drawing occurred. The latter ceremony was robbed of much of its interest today by the fact that under the new arrangement of seats there are more than enough to go round and those whose names are drawn last do not suffer as they did on former occasions.

Just as the hands of the big clock opposite the speaker's chair pointed to 12 Mr. McDowell, the clerk of the house, brought his gavel down. Instantly the buzz of conversation ceased and in the stillness that followed the clerk announced that prayer would be offered. The members arose and many of the spectators in the gallery also stood with bowed heads as Rev. Mr. Couden, the blind chaplain, evoked the divine blessing. Many heads were further lowered as the chaplain read a beautiful tribute to the late President McKinley and prayed that the present chief executive might be spared from sudden death.

By the direction of the clerk, the roll of the members-elect was called by names. There was no dissent or objection during the roll call. When the clerk announced that 313 members—a quorum—had answered to their names, the house proceeded to the election of a speaker.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois, chairman of the republican caucus, placed in nomination General Henderson, of Iowa. The mention of Mr. Henderson's name drew a salvo of applause from the entire republican membership.

Mr. Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the democratic caucus, presented the name of Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, and the democrats gave the name of their leader an enthusiastic reception. A general laugh followed as Mr. Nevill, of Nebraska, placed in nomination Mr. Stark, of his own state, who now is the only other populist acting independently.

At the conclusion of the roll call the clerk announced the result of the vote as follows: Henderson 190, Richardson 140, Stark 1, Cummings, of New York, 1. Mr. Henderson having been declared elected, the clerk appointed Messrs. Richardson, Stark and Cummings a committee to escort the speaker to the chair.

General Henderson appeared two minutes later on the arm of Mr. Richardson. The speaker was greeted with a great outburst of applause from both sides of the house. He came down the aisle and ascended the rostrum with the aid of his cane and stood there for a moment facing a storm of applause.

Mr. Richardson then introduced him among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and the gripe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the gripe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of the gripe to result in pneumonia." For sale by R. R. Bellamy, druggist.

THE SUIT AGAINST THE STATE

Conference of the Governor and His Special Counsel—Bankruptcy Decisions (Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 2.—The state charters the McClamroch Mantel Company, of Greensboro, capital \$25,000. State guard commissions were issued to Lieutenants N. E. Gillican and George P. James, of Company C, Second regiment, Wilmington; and Captain D. D. Parks, Company K, Third regiment, Mt. Airy.

The point was made today in a letter from the superintendent of public schools in Buncombe county, whether cities must pay a pro rata part of the expenses of the county superintendent and county board of education. The governor was consulted about the matter as the state superintendent is sick, and it is decided that the law is positive and that the county board, before apportioning the school fund, must reserve enough to pay the county superintendent and school board.

This afternoon the governor and council of state had an important conference about the suit in the supreme court of the united states by South Dakota to enforce payment of the principal and interest of certain bonds of the Western North Carolina railway. The state's counsel, ex-Judge James E. Shepherd and James H. Merrimon and George Rountree were present, as was also president Henry G. Chatham, of the North Carolina railway.

At a term of the federal court which begins here tomorrow about 200 cases are on the docket. Several are post-office cases. A dozen are against counterfeiters, none of the latter from this county. Judge Purnell today refused to grant a discharge in bankruptcy to J. H. Royall, of Sampson county, because he had made a false oath to a creditor and schedule, knowingly concealing property from his trustees. The offense is punishable under the bankruptcy law.

The judge held in the bankruptcy case of Mann, Tatum & Co., from Elizabeth City, that a trustee under the general assignment was entitled to actual expenses in preserving an estate for the creditors, but not any allowance for his services in this behalf as he was simply an agent for the bankrupt.

Of Benefit to You. D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with beriberi, and Dr. R. R. Bellamy's Health and Beauty Cure cured me. Cures piles, sores, and burns. Beware of counterfeits. R. R. Bellamy."

MRS. BONINE'S DEFENSE

Witnesses for the Defense in This Murder Case Testify

Washington, December 2.—In the case of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, indicted for the murder of James Seymour Ayres, Jr., witnesses for the defense were introduced today. In all fifteen witnesses were called, and it soon developed that the line of examination would be in the nature of showing that Mrs. Bonine evidenced no particular partiality toward Ayres; that her conduct and bearing towards him differed in no respects from that displayed toward other guests of the hotel.

The first witness called was William C. Hay, who, with his family, lived at the Kenmore at the time of the tragedy. He testified that the dances at the Kenmore were usually arranged by Mrs. Bonine, and at these dances her bearing toward Ayres was nothing out of the ordinary. It had been her habit, he said, when the dancers were not prompt in attendance to go to their rooms and urge them to come down.

Richard L. Banks testified that he heard Mrs. Bonine giving Ayres advice about drinking to excess. George B. Gardner, assistant attorney in the interior department, to whom Mrs. Bonine first told her story and who also was a government witness, testified that on that night he had seen Mrs. Bonine and Ayres dancing together and had observed nothing unusual in their conduct. The case will be resumed tomorrow.

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ohio. "One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Never fails and a favorite with the children. R. R. Bellamy."

A STEAMER OUT OF COAL

Norfolk, Va., December 2.—The British steamer Pharsalia, Captain Smith, which sailed from Alcoa Bay for New York September 24th, put in here today for coal, her store running so low that she burned her dunnage on the voyage. She is light, and on November 24th met a northwest gale on the edge of the gulf stream and banked her fires and was blown back so that she steamed five days in recovering the lost ground. She was twelve days north of latitude 30 before she made Norfolk.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT.

Accidents will happen. Mother strains her back lifting a sofa. Father is hurt in the shop. Children are forever falling and bruising themselves. There is no preventing these things, but their worst consequences are averted with Perry Davis' Painkiller. No other remedy approaches it for relief of sore muscles, rheumatism, etc. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

PREPARATIONS FOR VIRGINIA'S EXPOSITION

Norfolk, Va., December 2.—At a meeting of committees from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Berkeley, Newport News, Hampton, Phoebus, Old Point and Norfolk county, in the Monticello hotel here today for the purpose of perfecting permanent organization of the Jamestown ter-centennial exposition, to be held somewhere in Virginia in 1907, a charter of an exposition company, whose purpose is to hold the affair near Norfolk in preference to Richmond, was read.

A LITTLE LOSS

of flesh and strength, little barking, obstinate cough and a little pain in the chest may not mean galloping consumption, but they are signs that prudence will not neglect. A few doses of Allen's Lung Balsam cause a free discharge of mucus and so loosen the cough. It heats the inflamed air passages and all its beneficent work is accomplished without a grain of opium.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED

The Teller Short \$100,000—Had Been Stealing for Years

Ballston, N. Y., December 2.—The First national bank, of this place, was closed today pending an investigation by a national bank examiner. It is stated that the closing of the bank's doors followed the discovery of irregularities in the accounts of the teller, Charles E. Fitcham. The bank began business in 1865. The investigation was pursued until it was seen that the defalcation had begun many years ago and attained large figures. Bank examiners Graham and Van Vank were sent for and yesterday began a thorough examination. At the close of banking hours they reported a shortage of \$100,000. The directors then decided to close the bank pending an investigation, and a warrant for Fitcham's arrest was issued. Fitcham was banded over in the amount of \$10,000. He has a wife and one daughter.

Health and Beauty.

Poor complexion is usually the result of torpid liver or irregularity of the bowels. DeWitt's Little Early Risers stimulate the liver. Promote regular action of the bowels. Never distress. R. R. Bellamy.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION

James Wilcox Held for Trial on Charge of Abducting Nellie Cropsey

Elizabeth City, N. C., December 3.—The preliminary hearing in the case of James Wilcox, charged with the abduction of Nellie Cropsey was held today. The court house was crowded. The hearing was before Mayor Wilson, and four justices and lasted over four hours.

Wilcox was held in \$1,000 bail for action by the grand jury on the charge of abduction. Bail has not been furnished and Wilcox is in custody of the sheriff. E. F. Aydellett appeared for the defendant and made an eloquent speech. The prosecution was represented by J. Heywood Sawyer, P. H. Williams and R. W. Turner. Few witnesses were examined. Among them were W. H. Cropsey, father of the missing girl and Miss Ollie Cropsey. Divers will make an exploration of the river bottom for the body of the missing girl.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT

Resolution in Congress for Investigation into Certain States' Election Laws

Washington, December 3.—Representative Dick of Ohio, has introduced a resolution for a general investigation of the denial or abridgement of the right to vote in certain states, with a view to reducing the congressional representation from such states. The resolution recites that "it is a matter of common information and belief that the rights of some male citizens, being 21 years of age, to vote at elections is denied and abridged in certain states. In conclusion the resolution provides: 'Resolved, That the matter be referred to the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress, with power to subpoena and examine witnesses under oath, and to send for records and other evidence, to investigate fully and completely, and report what, if any, proportion of the number of male citizens, 21 years of age, in any state, to whom said state denies or abridges the right to vote as aforesaid, except for participation in rebellion or other crimes, bears to the total number of male inhabitants of such state, being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States.'

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DESPERATE EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Made by a Prisoner Just Before Hour for His Execution

Mount Holly, N. J., December 3.—Charles Brown made a desperate attempt to break jail a short time before the hour set for his execution this morning.

As his spiritual adviser, Rev. J. C. Diesinger, of Camden, was leaving the cell, in compliance with a wish of the prisoner that he be left alone half an hour to prepare himself for death, Brown suddenly rushed from his cell armed with a piece of lead pipe which he brandished at the guards.

Surprised by the suddenness of the attack, the guards fell back. Brown dashed down the corridor, sprang down a short flight of steps and had reached the kitchen. He waved aside the guards who were following him, jumped through a window and reached the yard where he armed himself with an axe.

One of the deputies who approached the desperate man was struck on the arm with the piece of pipe, but others closed in on Brown and overpowered him. He was manacled and again placed in his cell to await execution.

At 10:05 Brown was hanged. He walked to the scaffold without betraying the slightest fear and had calmed down completely after his desperate attempt to escape from jail. Death was almost instantaneous.

Brown's crime was the murder of a wealthy farmer named Washington Hunter for purposes of robbery.

How to Cure a Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by R. R. Bellamy, druggist."

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